

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In above identified patent application has been amended and reconsideration and re-examination are hereby requested.

The specification has been amended as requested by the Examiner.

Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to remove Examiner's rejection.

Claim 3 has been reviewed and amended. It is respectfully submitted that such claim, as now amended, is now definite and in accordance with 35 USC 112

With regard to claim 1, such claim points out that the method includes:

generating the parity of the parity bits of the plurality of bytes of the data, such generated parity being the parity of the CRC of such data.
(emphasis added)

It is respectfully submitted that this process step, "generating the parity of the parity bits of the plurality of bytes of the data", is not preformed by Close et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,125,466. The Examiner has not pointed to any section in Close et al. where this step is described. While the Examiner states that a data block inherently possess a parity, the method described in Close et al. does not perform the step of "generating the parity of the parity bits of the plurality of bytes of the data " as set forth in claim 1. Thus, claim 1 is not anticipated by Close et al.

With regard to Mortimer (US Patent No. 4,599,722), the Examiner has not pointed to any section in Mortimer where the step of "generating the parity of the parity bits of the plurality of bytes of the data " as set forth in claim 1 is preformed.

With regard to the article by Hsu the Examiner has not pointed to any section in Mortimer where the step of "generating the parity of the parity bits of the plurality of bytes of the data " as set forth in claim 1 is preformed.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigning attorney if there are any questions regarding this Amendment or this application.

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